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CIA Testimony in B26 Case Denies Flight Approval

— The Central Intelligence Agency's general counsel, Lawrence R. Houston, answered questions in Federal Court here yesterday on the involvement of the CIA in the case of two men accused of conspiring to export B-26 bombers to Portugal.

The defense has contended the exporting of the war planes was accomplished with the knowledge and approval of the CIA but the prosecution and the CIA here denied this.

CHARGE

The specific charge in the case is exportation without a license and without the written approval of the State Department.

The defense concluded its case yesterday and tomorrow Judge John O. Henderson will present the case to the ten-man, two-woman jury for deliberation.

One of the accused, John R. Hawke, 28, a bearded Australian-born former RAF pilot now living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., made the charge of Cia involvement. Mr. Houston, testifying yesterday, said the only CIA involvement was receipt of unverified reports that there was a plan to ferry B-26s to Portugal.

LISBON

On trial with Mr. Hawke is Henri de Montmarin, 58, a Paris industrialist residing in New York City.

A four-count indictment handed up Oct. 8, 1965, alleged the planes were flown to Tancos Air Forces base near Lisbon in the summer of 1965. Two of the twin engined craft, it said, were flown out of the country via the Rochester-Monroe County Airport.

Despite the Government's denials under oath, Mr. Hawke's attorney, Edwin P. Marger of Miami, contended the planes were to be used by Portugal to help quell a suspected communist uprising in the African colonies of Mozambique and Angola.

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